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SUBJECT: REACTION IN PARLIAMENT TO ARREST OF MP GEORGE ANYONA

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1. NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY AFRICA STUDY GROUP HELD  
2 1/2 HOUR MEETING WITH GROUP OF 13 KENYAN MPS AT PARLIAMENT  
BUILDING MAY 12. MEETING PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY  
TO DISCUSS WITH GOOD CROSS SECTION OF MPS RECENT ARREST  
OF GEORGE ANYONA, ABRUPT ADJOURNMENT OF PARLIAMENT WHICH  
ENSUED ON MAY 6, AND STATUS OF ONGOING POLITICAL MANEUVERING  
IN AFTERMATH OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

2. MPS FROM BOTH PRO AND ANTI VP MOI CAMPS AGREE THAT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL NJONJO WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR  
ANYONA'S ARREST. IT IS COMMONLY BELIEVED THAT NJONJO  
CONVINCED PRESIDENT KENYATTA TO ORDER THE DETENTION,  
ALTHOUGH ANYONA'S FRIENDS IN ANTI-MOI GROUP BELIEVE  
PRESIDENT WAS SOLD A BILL OF GOODS. ACCORDING TO THEM  
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NJONJO FABRICATED SERIES OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ANYONA  
AND PAID OFF INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS TO CORROBORATE THESE  
ALLEGATIONS TO PRESIDENT. ALL THE MPS CONSULTED EXPRESSED  
VIEW THAT PARLIAMENT WAS ADJOURNED UNEXPECTEDLY TO  
PREVENT TENSIONS FROM MOUNTING OVER ISSUE OF ANYONA'S  
ARREST.

3. MOST INTERESTING REACTION CAME FROM LUO M.P., WHO UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN WORKING WITH KIAMBU KIKUYU LED ANTI-MOI GROUP. HE EXPRESSED BITTERNESS THAT KIKUYU INSIDERS DID NOT PROTECT ANYONA WHEN CHIPS WERE DOWN. HE SAID THAT ANYONA WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPON THAT GROUP HAD, AND HAD BEEN COOPERATING FULLY WITH KIKUYUS. ANYONA HAD EVIDENTLY FELT THIS GROUP'S PROXIMITY TO PRESIDENT GUARANTEED HE WOULD NOT BE DETAINED. LUO MP ASSERTED THIS PROVED THAT IN LAST ANALYSIS THESE KIKUYUS COULD NOT BE TRUSTED TO PROTECT POLITICAL COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER TRIBES, AND THAT HE FOR ONE WOULD NO LONGER WORK WITH THEM.

4. PRO-MOI MPS, ON OTHER HAND, WERE GLOATING ALMOST OPENLY ABOUT TURN OF EVENTS. KALENJIN M.P. FROM RIFT VALLEY (MOI'S HOME AREA) COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED SITUATION HAD STABILIZED ONCE AND FOR ALL, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE ABRUPT SHIFTS TO OTHER SIDE IN TERMS OF POLITICAL INITIATIVE.

5. COMMENT: ARREST OF ANYONA CLEARLY SHIFTS POLITICAL MOMENTUM BACK TO MOI GROUP, WHICH WOULD HAVE TRIUMPHED HAD KANU ELECTIONS TAKEN PLACE APRIL 3. KIAMBU KIKUYUS AROUND PRESIDENT HAVE BEEN SHOWN, IN SENSE, TO BE PAPER TIGERS. THEIR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON FORGING EFFECTIVE ALLIANCES WITH OTHER TRIBAL GROUPS SUCH AS LUOS AND KAMBAS, AND MAKING INROADS INTO KISIIS AND ABALUHYAS. YET, IF EVEN A FEW OF THEIR PRESENT ALLIES IN OTHER TRIBES REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH THEM ANY LONGER, CONFIDENTIAL

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KIAMBU KIKUYUS WILL BE LEFT IN POLITICALLY UNTENABLE POSITION OF REPRESENTING ONLY ONE FACTION OF ONE TRIBE, ALBEIT THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE.  
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